

MR. VAN NAME OUT OF COURT

**JUDGE LAWRENCE SAID HIS CASE COULDN'T
GO TO A JURY**

The Plaintiff Had Admitted that His Wife Was Divorced from Him, and That Spoiled His Suit—Mrs. Van Name's Nervousness on the Stand Yesterday and Her Surprise and Triumph This Morn-

All the parties interested in the \$35,000 annuity of Huband Van Name against Mr. Bristol, who was the plaintiff in the case, were present for alienation of a wife's affections, were in the Supreme Court, this morning, when Judge Lawrence mounted the bench.

They were all stricken with some shock or surprise, therefore, when the Judge declared the case off. He ruled that as the testimony yesterday showed that Mrs. Van Name had secured a divorce from the plaintiff the nullity of the annuity was established.

Mrs. Van Name and Bristead left the court triumphantly. Mr. Van Name also left, but without exaltation.

The revelations in the case yesterday were slightly exhilarating.

Mr. Van Name, besides declaring that he had always been a nice husband and new

Richard H. King, who boarded at Cuthbert Manor while the Van Names and Bristeads were there, testified that at first he could not tell which of the two men was husband to the lady.—Mr. Bristead was so devoted to her. He had seen Mr. Bristead go into Mrs. King's room, and had seen Mrs. Van Name go into Mr. Bristead's room. The visits were not brief ones, either.

Van Name explained the matter by saying that Mr. Cristine had been washing her hair in the bathroom together with her mother and sister. Several more witnesses were called, and then the plaintiff's case was rested.

Mr. Van Name showed some agitation while giving her testimony, and there was an unusual pallor in her cheeks. At times she looked as if she would completely break down.

She avowed that Mr. Van Name had deceived her in regard to his income and had

Mrs. Van Name fearfully declared that she paid for her own clothes with money supplied by her husband's deceits and was now down to the kind of a time that the parrot had cat did. He accused her unjustly of infidelity, struck her once and applied vile epithets to her. Once he actually threatened her life.

She stated that on one occasion he confessed to her that he had embezzled money from insurance companies and would be ruined if he could not pay it. He proposed to her that she should get one Houseman, whom he was in debt, in a compromising situation. Then he would appear, do the

from his dupe. She positively declined to co-operate in this neat little scheme.

She said that her husband went to Kostel's at night. She went with him once but only once.

When Lawyer Grady asked her about the bathroom episode, she denied it, and said she never mended Mr. Braistead's dilapidated socks. She never went to his room except at her husband's request, who sent her there several times for liquor and cigars. Frequently Braistead was not in the room.

Here Mrs. Van Name showed such symptoms of falling into a faint that at the suggestion of her physician, who was in court, she was allowed to leave the witness stand and the case was adjourned a day.

A Turkey and a Gamecock Afford Space for Bridgeport's Dispensers of Justice.
[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 12.—Business was generally suspended yesterday in the New York County Court-House on Golden Hill. Till August dispensers of justice turned from Black

The birds are owned by Dr. Martin, and the Court-House windows overlook Dr. Martin's door yard.

The turkey would approach the cock cautiously sideways and strike quick blows with his wing. The gamecock fought as such birds generally do.

The battle raged from 10 o'clock in the morning

The cock crew and the turkey gobbled, and the judges of the battle declared it a draw. Money changed hands.

VENDERS FORM A SYNDICATE.

City of Bridgeport.
[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 12.—The greatest thing yet heard of in the way of a syndicate the formation of an itinerant vendors' combination to sue this city.

Recently a test case before Judge Kelsey was decided by proving the ordinance unconstitutional.

Peddlers of hairpins, pills, sponges and so on have combined and elected John Asplund, who lately secured a license to sell a paper-maché

Mr. Asplund proposed to advance the claim of the peddlers against the city.
John Stevenson will act as counsel.

A West Pointer Under Judge Duffy's Wing
James Carew, a West Point cadet, sat with

Fair, Colder, High Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15

For Eastern New York—Fur, colored by northwesterly winds, high on the coast.

The Weather To-Day.
Indicated by Blakely's tele-thermometers:
1888. 1887. 1886. 1885.
O. A. M. 32 30 30 34
P. M. 40 38 38 40
Average for the past twenty-four hours, 37.4
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